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The Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE, Vienna, presents its compliments to the Missions and Delegations of the participating States to the OSCE and to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and has the honour, in reference to the decision No. 10/02 of the Forum for Security Co-operation, to provide herewith a revised reply of Austria to the Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Mines and the Explosive Remnants of Wars.

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE, Vienna, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Missions and Delegations of the participating States to the OSCE and to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 9 July 2019



To all
Delegations/Permanent Missions to the OSCE
To the Conflict Prevention Centre
Vienna

**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

Reporting Formats for Article 7

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Form A National implementation measures

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
a) The national implementation measures referred to in Article 9."

Remark: In accordance with Article 9, "Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control".

State [Party]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2018 to 31 12 2018

Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
Already prior to the entry into force of the Convention, the Austrian Federal Law on the Ban of Anti-Personnel Mines came into effect. Art. 2 of the said bill prohibits the production, acquisition, sale, procurement, import, export, transit, use and possession of anti-personnel mines. Under Art. 4 of the bill, existing stockpiles of anti-personnel mines shall be destroyed by the Federal Ministry of the Interior within one month after the entry into force of the law. The bill further imposes a penalty on whoever, even by negligence, contravenes the prohibitions of Art. 2 of the bill. Thus, the bill fully transforms all prohibitions of the Convention.	The Convention came into force for Austria as of 1 March 1999 (reference: BGBl (Federal Law Gazette) III Nr. 39/1999). The Austrian Federal Law came into effect as of 1 January 1997 (reference: BGBl I Nr. 13/1997).

Form B Stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

b) The total of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned or possessed by it, or under its jurisdiction or control, to include a breakdown of the type, quantity and, if possible, lot numbers of each type of anti-personnel mine stockpiled."

State [Party]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2018 to 31 12 2018

1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-		The destruction of all anti-personnel mines belonging to the Austrian Armed Forces was completed in 1996.
-	-		
TOTAL	-		

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. *(Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan)* *

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-		-
-	-		-
TOTAL			

* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

Form C Location of mined areas

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

c) To the extent possible, the location of all mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, anti-personnel mines under its jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine in each mined area and when they were emplaced."

State [Party]: **AUSTRIA** reporting for time period from **01 01 2018** to **31 12 2018**

1. Areas that contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
The territory of Austria does not contain any mined areas.				

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
No areas in Austria are suspected to contain anti-personnel mines.				

* If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

Form D APMs retained or transferred

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

d) The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques, or transferred for the purpose of destruction, as well as the institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer anti-personnel mines, in accordance with Article 3"

State [Party]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2018 to 31 12 2018

1a. **Compulsory:** Retained for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Austrian Ministry of Defence; Austrian Ministry of the Interior	-	-		While Art. 3 of the Federal Law on the Ban of Anti-Personnel Mines authorises the retention of APMs for training purposes, neither ministry has retained APMs in the reporting period.
	-	-		
TOTAL	-----			

1b. **Voluntary information** (Action #54 of Nairobi Action Plan)

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information
		<i>(Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)</i>
		"Information on the plans requiring the retention of mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques and report on the actual use of retained mines and the results of such use"

NOTE: Each State Party should provide information on plans and future activities if and when appropriate and reserves the right to modify it at any time

Form D (continued)

2. **Compulsory:** Transferred for development of and training in (*Article 3, para.1*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
As above	-	-		-
TOTAL	-----			

3. **Compulsory:** Transferred for the purpose of destruction (*Article 3, para.2*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
As above	-	-		
TOTAL	-----			

Form E Status of programs for conversion or de-commissioning of APM production facilities

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 e) The status of programs for the conversion or de-commissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities."

State [Party]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2018 to 31 12 2018

Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
-	-	No facilities had to be converted

Form F Status of programs for destruction of APMs

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 f) The status of programs for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Articles 4 and 5,
 including details of the methods which will be used in destruction, the location of all destruction sites and the
 applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed."

State [Party]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2018 to 31 12 2018

1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
No destruction during reporting period (destruction of all APMs had been completed prior to the entry into force of the Convention, on the basis of the Federal Law on Anti-Personnel Mines).	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

2. Status of programs for destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
No destruction during reporting period.	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

Form G APMs destroyed after entry into force

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

g) The types and quantities of all anti-personnel mines destroyed after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party, to include a breakdown of the quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine destroyed, in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, respectively, along with, if possible, the lot numbers of each type anti-personnel mine in the case of destruction in accordance with Article 4"

State [Party]: **AUSTRIA** reporting for time period from **01 01 2018** to **31 12 2018**

1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-		No destruction during reporting period.
-	-		
TOTAL	-		

2. Destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
-	-	No destruction during reporting period.
-	-	
TOTAL	-	

Form G (continued)

3. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)*

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
-	-		
-	-		
TOTAL	-		

* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

Form I Measures to provide warning to the population

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 i) The measures taken to provide an immediate and effective warning to
 the population in relation to all areas identified under paragraph 2 of
 Article 5."

Remark: In accordance with Article 5, para.2: "Each State Party shall make every effort to identify all areas under its jurisdiction or control in which anti-personnel mines are known or suspected to be emplaced and shall ensure as soon as possible that all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control are perimeter-marked, monitored and protected by fencing or other means, to ensure the effective exclusion of civilians, until all anti-personnel mines contained therein have been destroyed. The marking shall at least be to the standards set out in the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May 1996, annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects".

State [Party]: **AUSTRIA** reporting for time period from **01 01 2018**

[Narrative:]

As stated above, there are no areas contaminated with antipersonnel mines in Austria.

Form J Other relevant matters

Remark: States Parties may use this form to report voluntarily on other relevant matters, including matters pertaining to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in Article 7. States Parties are encouraged to use this form to report on activities undertaken with respect to Article 6, and in particular to report on assistance provided for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.

State [Party]: AUSTRIA reporting for time period from 01 01 2018

[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

Austria is providing assistance to mine action through bilateral and multilateral programs and as a Member State of the European Union is supporting mine action activities of the European Union.

In 2018, Austria provided ICRC with € 1.000.000,- for victim assistance and mine risk education in Syria. In addition Austria supported Ukraine with humanitarian aid to mine victims (via ICRC) with an amount of € 500.000,-. Also in 2018, Austria provided support to the amount of € 10.000,- to the Convention's implementation support unit.

Austria has continued to provide mine/UXO clearance teams during this reporting period in the framework of EUFOR ALTHEA and KFOR. Training programmes on mines and UXO's are implemented for all units conducting collective training as well as for all units during predeployment training for operations in Libanon (UNIFIL), Bosnia and Herzegovina (EUFOR ALTHEA), Kosovo (KFOR), Mali (EUTM) and Afghanistan (ISAF).